

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



July 15, 2004

REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NUMBER 04-18

TO: ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA, FRESNO, LOS ANGELES, ORANGE,
SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO, SANTA CLARA, STANISLAUS,
AND YOLO COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

Enclosed is your final allocation for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 Refugee Employment and Social Services (RESS) Funding Program. A copy of the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Final Notice may be accessed on the Funding Opportunities page of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Refugee Programs Bureau's (RPB) web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/refugeeprogram>.

The final FFY 2004 RESS grant for California is \$9,360,178 (spreadsheet enclosed), which is an increase of \$392,822 from the amount that was published in the ORR's Proposed Notice. Prior to RPB allocating funds to counties \$1,120,848 will be directed to the Wilson/Fish Alternative Project in San Diego County. The formula and the allocated amount for the Wilson/Fish Alternative Project are determined by the ORR.

As stated in the Refugee Coordinator Letter (RCL) 04-08, dated April 29, 2004, the counties eligible to receive funds for FFY 2004 are those counties who have been identified by ORR as receiving approximately 500 refugee arrivals during the recent five-year period that include FFYs 1999-2003.

The 12 counties that are eligible to receive RESS funds for FFY 2004 are as follows: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and Yolo. San Bernardino County has opted not to participate in the RESS Program. As noted above, funding for San Diego County will be directed to the Wilson/Fish Alternative Project.

State Administration

The funds for the state administrative cost in the amount of \$1,235,900 were deducted from the adjusted final state's total allocation (\$8,239,330), which represents fifteen percent (15%) of the adjusted final state's total allocation.

County RESS Funds

The remaining \$7,003,430 RESS funds will be allocated to the counties according to the formula in the Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) Section 13276 which specifies that CDSS determines the proportionate county allocation of federal funds. The funds will be allocated to each of the eligible counties according to the proportion of adult refugees on aid and who have been in the United States not more than 60 months. The data used was obtained from the most recent Medi-Cal Eligibility Determination System (MEDS) file report, dated June 2004.

Should you have any questions on the allocations amounts, please contact Ms. Bunny Furlo, Performance and Systems Analyst, at (916) 651-9770 or via e-mail at Bunny.Furlo@dss.ca.gov. or Ms. Antonia Taylor, Manager of the Performance and Systems Unit at (916) 653-1172.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By
Thuan Nguyen
On July 15, 2004

THUAN NGUYEN, Chief
Refugee Programs Bureau

Enclosure